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SUBJECT: ANZUS COUNCIL PRESS CONFERENCE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY, JULY 28, WITH THE HEADS OF THE THREE DELEGATIONS, UNITED STATES DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, MR WARREN CHRISTOPHER, THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE HON. BRIAN TALBOYS, AND THE AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER THE HON. ANDREW PEACOCK:

2. MR TALBOYS: WELL GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE HAD WHAT A DAY AND A HALF OF DISCUSSIONS, THEY HAVE BEEN I THINK WE ARE MUTUALLY AGREED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY VALUABLE, THEY HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN CONDUCTED IN A VERY FRANK AND FRIENDLY FASHION, IN FACT I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT THERE COULD BE A MEETING IN WHICH THERE WAS GREATER GOOD WILL. WE HAVE COVERED QUESTIONS OF, IN WHICH OF COURSE, MR CHRISTOPHER HAS, TO WHICH HE HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION, COVERING QUESTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; WELL REALLY WE HAVE COVERED THE GLOBE, AND BOTH MR PEACOCK AND MR CHRISTOPHER HAD MADE QUITE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS. AND THEN WE HAVE SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME LOOKING AT SOUTH EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AREA AND, INDEED, THIS MORNING WE CONCENTRATED ON THE PACIFIC AND HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ANTARCTIC. SO I CAN ONLY SUM UP BY SAYING THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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IT HAS I KNOW FOR ALL OF US BEEN A VERY USEFUL GATHERING AND IT REINFORCES FOR ALL OF US THE VALUE OF ANZUS NOT ONLY AS A MILITARY, NOT ONLY FOR ITS MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE BUT ALSO FOR THE OPPORTUNITY THAT IT GIVES ON THIS REGULAR BASIS TO DISCUSS GLOBAL QUESTIONS THAT CERTAINLY HAVE THEIR IMPACT IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. NOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE COMMUNIQUE, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

3. QUESTION: YOU SAID JUST NOW THAT YOU DISCUSSED ANTARCTIC. WHAT EXACTLY CAME OUT OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS? WELL IN THE DISCUSSION ON THE ANTARCTIC REALLY WHAT, ALL WE WERE DOING, WAS, AND LET ME UNDERLINE THE POINT THAT THIS HAS OF COURSE NOTHING TO DO WITH ANZUS, BUT IT WAS JUST AN OPPORTUNITY WITH THREE SIGNATORIES TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY TOGETHER TO LOOK AT THE PRESSURES THAT UNDOUBTEDLY GOING TO COME; PRESSURES FOR EXPLOITATION. MORE CERTAINLY FOR THE FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THE RESOURCES OF THE AREA, AND THEREFORE IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE IS A NEED TO ESTABLISH A REGIME TO GOVERN SUCH EXPLOITATION AND THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE TREATY LATER THIS YEAR.

4. QUESTION: CAN I TURN TO THE POINT ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE ARMS LIMITATION IN THE OCEAN. IN THE COMMUNIQUE LAST YEAR THE THREE ANZUS MEMBERS AGREED THAT THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT ESPECIALLY SOVIET INCURSIONS INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN, ARE YOU NOT SO CONCERNED THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE EXPRESSING SO MUCH CONCERN? MR CHRISTOPHER: YES, WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SOVIET INCURSIONS INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN AND IT IS THAT CONCERN WHICH HAS CAUSED THE UNITED STATES TO PROPOSE TO THE SOVIET UNION THAT WE HAVE TALKS LOOKING FOR ARMS LIMITATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED THAT THE INDIAN OCEAN NOT BECOME A THEATRE FOR COMPETITION BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER-POWERS. WE HAVE HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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ONE MEETING WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE SUBJECT OF ARMS

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LIMITATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND IT WAS CONDUCTED ON A BUSINESSLIKE BASIS WHICH GIVES PROMISE I THINK THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THIS AREA OF ENSURING THAT THE INDIAN OCEAN IS NOT, AS I SAID, A THEATRE FOR COMPETITION BETWEEN THE SUPER POWERS.

5. WON'T ARMS LIMITATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA PRESCRIBE THE ABILITY OF THE ANZUS COUNTRIES TO ACTUALLY USE THEIR DEFENCE AGREEMENT? MR CHRISTOPHER: WE SEE NO INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ARMS LIMITATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE CARRYING OUT OF OUR COMMITMENTS UNDER THE ANZUS TREATY.

6. QUESTION: WHAT IS AUSTRALIA'S ATTITUDE TO THIS? MR PEACOCK: IN TOTAL ENDORSEMENT. IN FACT, OUR POLICY OF COURSE HAS BEEN THAT WE ENDORSE IN THE LONG TERM ANY ASPIRATIONS, AND WORKING TOWARDS CONCEPTS SUCH A ZONE OF PEACE. WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD THE PREMISE BEFORE US THAT WITH ONE SUPER POWER FAR OUTSTRIPPING THE OTHER, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN THERE WOULD BE A ZONE OF BALANCE, AND FROM THAT BALANCE YOU CAN THEN WORK ON FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS. AND IN REGARD TO THE EARLIER QUESTION ASKED, THE COMMUNIQUE AFTER ALL DOES ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE ANZUS PARTNERS, SPELT OUT SPECIFICALLY IN TODAY'S COMMUNIQUE.

7. QUESTION: MR TALBOYS COULD I REFER YOU TO THE LAST PARAGRAPH ON PAGE ONE DEALING WITH THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF ANZUS. DOES THIS SUGGEST RECOGNITION OF NEW ZEALAND AS THE ECONOMICALLY WEAKER OF THE THREE PARTNERS COULD EXPECT A BETTER TRADING DEAL WITH THE U.S.? MR TALBOYS: WELL, I CERTAINLY

IMAGINE THAT IT CERTAINLY RECOGNISES THE FACT.

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I DON'T THINK WE NEED A COMMUNIQUE TO RECOGNISE THE FACT THAT THE NEW ZEALAND ECONOMY IS FAR MORE VULNERABLE THAN THE OTHER TWO. WHAT THIS OBVIOUSLY INDICATES IS AN ATTITUDE NOT ONLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WELL BEING OF THE NEW ZEALAND ECONOMY, BUT IN THE INTERESTS OF THE, OF ANZUS AS A GROUP. AN ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS THAT WILL COME PARTICULARLY IN THE MTN. IN RELATION TO TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WHICH ONE COULDN'T, I WOULDN'T ATTEMPT TO QUANTIFY THIS.

8. QUESTION: IS IT CLEAR RECOGNITION OF YOUR POINT OF VIEW THAT THE MAJOR PARTNERS IN ANZUS RECOGNISE THAT NEW ZEALAND NEEDS ECONOMIC OR TRADING HELP? MR TALBOYS: WELL WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS TRADING OPPORTUNITIES. I THINK THIS IS SPECIFICALLY WHY THIS IS HERE.

9. QUESTION: COULD I ASK MR CHRISTOPHER IF THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE PREPARED TO INCREASE ITS IMPORTS FROM NEW ZEALAND TO ASSIST NZ ECONOMICALLY? MR CHRISTOPHER LET ME ANSWER THAT IN A SOMEWHAT BROADER CONTEXT. I'M VERY PLEASED THAT THAT PARAGRAPH IS IN THE COMMUNIQUE. THE WHOLE WESTERN WORLD IS EMERGING MORE SLOWLY THAN WE WOULD LIKE FROM A DEEP DEPRESSION. I THINK THE UNITED STATES FEELS A PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY TO STIMULATE ITS ECONOMY AND TO URGE THE STIMULATION OF OTHER ECONOMIES ROUND THE WORLD OF MAJOR COUNTRIES SUCH AS GERMANY AND JAPAN, SO AS TO TRY TO REDUCE A GREATER LEVEL OF PROSPERITY AROUND THE WORLD. NOW HAVING IN MIND ALWAYS THE DANGERS OF INFLATION, WE ARE TRYING TO STIMULATE OUR ECONOMY SO THAT WE WILL HAVE MORE DOLLARS WITH WHICH TO BUY PRODUCTS FROM NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO EXPORT PRODUCTS TO OUR COUNTRIES. WE ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, AND WHILE THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXCEEDINGLY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT WE WANT TO TRY TO WORK WITH YOU IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THEM. ONLY COUNTRIES WITH HEALTHY ECONOMIES ARE ABLE TO CARRY OUT

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THEIR SECURITY COMMITMENTS, AND THUS, AND STRENGTH OF THE

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ECONOMY OF THESE COUNTRIES ARE DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THE
BASIC UNDERLYING CONCEPT OF ANZUS.

10 QUESTION: SO ARE YOU ACCEPTING, OR IS THE STATES
ACCEPTING IN PRINCIPLE IN THIS CLAUSE THAT NEW ZEALAND
DOES NEED BETTER TRADING ACCESS? MR CHRISTOPHER: YES WE
ARE ACCEPTING IN PRINCIPLE THE NOTION THAT NEW ZEALAND
OUGHT TO HAVE BETTER TRADING ACCESS NOT ONLY TO THE UNITED
STATES BUT TO THE MARKETS OF THE WORLD. WE UNDERSTAND
YOUR RELIANCE ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, WE HOPE TO FIND
INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES CONSISTENT WITH THE MAINTENANCE
OF PROPER BALANCE OF TRADE FOR NEW ZEALAND TO TRADE WITH
THE MORE INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES.

11 QUESTION: MR CHRISTOPHER HOW SOON CAN YOU SEE THE
U.S. MOVING TO ACTUALLY REDUCE THE LEVEL OF ITS PRESENCE
IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE DIEGO
GARCIA BASE AT THIS STAGE? MR CHRISTOPHER: THE
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED
STATES ARE AT TOO EARLY A STAGE FOR ME TO GIVE YOU A
TIMETABLE OR MAKE ANY PREDICTION. THERE HAS BEEN ONE
MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE ARE TO HAVE ANOTHER
MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. I WOULD SAY THAT IF WE ARE ABLE TO
STABILISE THE RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT
YEAR, WE WILL HAVE A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT AND THEN WE CAN
BEGIN TO LOOK TOWARD A REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF ARMS
IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THIS IS A LONG TERM PROJECT, BUT IT
IS A VERY WORTHWHILE PROJECT.

12 QUESTION: AND DIEGO GARCIA WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE
NOW? ARE YOU BUILDING THAT UP? MR CHRISTOPHER:

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARA 14)

DIEGO GARCIA WILL BE PART OF THE ELEMENTS OF THAT
NEGOTIATION, BUT I'D BE UNABLE TO SAY ANYTHING SPECIFIC
ABOUT IT UNTIL WE GET FURTHER INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS.
13 QUESTION: BUT IS THAT INCREASING AT THE MOMENT RATHER
THAN STATIC? MR CHRISTOPHER: DIEGO GARCIA IS IN A
SITUATION WHERE IT IS LARGELY UNCHANGED FROM THE PAST,
AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT ABOUT ITS SAME LEVEL, BUT I
WOULD NOT WANT TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THE FUTURE
OF DIEGO GARCIA OF ITS EXACT STATUS UNTIL WE GET FURTHER
INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

14 QUESTION: IS THERE ANY SIGNIFICANT LOBBY IN THE U.S.
WHICH WOULD OBJECT TO U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO
AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND IN THE EVENT OF ANY FUTURE(WORD
INDISTINCT)? MR CHRISTOPHER: THE UNITED STATES IS A
LARGE COUNTRY WITH 200,000,000 PEOPLE AND I SUPPOSE
THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT LOBBY THAT WOULD OBJECT
TO ALMOST ANYTHING THAT OUR GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TO DO. I
HOPE THAT ANSWER DOESN'T SOUND FACETIOUS, BUT THE DEGREE
IT IS SUCH A PLURALISTIC COUNTRY, BUT ON A MORE SERIOUS
NOTE, I WOULD SAY THAT THERE ARE FEW SUBJECTS ON WHICH
THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED STATES ARE MORE UNLIMITED THAN
THEY ARE IN TERMS OF OUR CLOSENESS TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW
ZEALAND AND OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE ASSISTANCE THAT YOU

HAVE RENDERED IN THE PAST. WE REGARD AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AS BEING MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN FAMILY, IN FULL AND GOOD STANDING.

15 QUESTION: COULD YOU GIVE A CATEGORIC ASSURANCE THEN THAT IF SUCH AID WERE REQUESTED IT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING?

MR CHRISTOPHER: I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT ANY REQUEST
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UNDER OUR TREATY ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES BUT AS HAVE SAID YESTERDAY, AND REPEAT TODAY, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT A REQUEST FROM AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND IF THEY WERE UNDER THREAT OF A SERIOUS ATTACK, ON WHICH THEY DID NOT FEEL WITHIN THEIR OWN CAPABILITY WOULD MEET THE MOST FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM OUR GOVERNMENT.

16 QUESTION: MR PEACOCK COULD I ASK YOU WERE YOU ABLE TO GIVE THE MEETING ASSESSMENT OF AUSTRALIA'S IMMEDIATE DEFENCE SPENDING PLANS, AND IN PARTICULAR, LAST YEAR'S COMMUNIQUE ENDORSED EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE COBAN SOUND NAVAL BASE? WHAT PROGRESS WERE YOU ABLE TO REPORT ON THAT? MR PEACOCK: WELL, OF COURSE THE QUESTION OF IMMEDIATE DEFENCE EXPENDITURE IS COVERED BY THE BUDGET ITSELF, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN BROUGHT DOWN AND EVEN IN THE CONFINES OF THIS DISCUSSION I AM NOT PERMITTED TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET, WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. WHAT IS OF MORE IMPORTANCE IN DEFENCE ARRANGEMENT HERE IS THE CLOSE CONSULTATION AND AGREEMENTS THAT WERE REACHED IN APRIL BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE DEFENCE MINISTERS FOR FURTHER CO-OPERATION WHICH IS CARRIED THE DEGREE OF DISCUSSION AND THAT IS WHAT IS WAS FOR QUITE SOME TIME INTO A FAR MORE FORMATIVE AND POSITIVE STAGE SINCE APRIL, AND THAT I THINK IS REFERRED TO IN THE COMMUNIQUE.

17 QUESTION: MR CHRISTOPHER, IN THE COMMUNIQUE YOUR PARTNERS EXPRESS INTEREST IN A STABLE PACIFIC. ARE THE PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS REGARDED AS BEING UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF ANZUS? AND IF A SITUATION AROSE IN WHICH ONE OF THE NATIONS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE WOULD IT BE GIVEN BY THE ANZUS PARTNERS? MR CHRISTOPHER: WELL OUR TREATY IS WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AND OUR REACTION TO REQUESTS FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WOULD HAVE A DIFFERENT KIND OF PRIMACY WITH US, ON THE OTHER HAND WE
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ARE, AND WOULD BE, CONCERNED ABOUT ANY EFFORTS TO INVADE
THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ANY OF THE ISLANDNATIONS
IN THE PACIFIC AND EVENTS THAT WOULD CAUSE DESTABILISATION
THERE WOULD BE VIEWED WITH CONCERN BY THE UNITED STATES.

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BUT I WOULD AGAIN EMPHASISE THE SPECIAL NATURE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AND OUR SPECIAL CONCERN IN REGARD FOR THEIR SECURITY.

18 QUESTION: IS THERE ANY NEED THEN IN THE INTERESTS OF THE SECURITY OF PACIFIC REGION TO PERHAPS ENLARGE ANZUS TO INCLUDE THE PACIFIC NATIONS AND SAY, PAPUA-NEW GUINEA? MR CHRISTOPHER: I WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER A BROADER SECURITY ARRANGEMENT IF IT SEEMED TO BE THE DESIRE OF THE THREE PARTNERS OF ANZUS BUT I THINK IT IS WORTHWHILE TO REMEMBER THE LONG HISTORY OF THE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THESE THREE COUNTRIES; HOW LONG WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER, HOW OFTEN WE HAVE FOUGHT ON THE SAME SIDE, AND IT SEEMS TO ME TO BE QUITE A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF CONCERN THAT WOULD BE EXPRESSED, WITH RESPECT, TO OTHER NATIONS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC WITHOUT RULING OUT A HIGH LEVEL CONCERN FOR THEM ALSO.

19 QUESTION: MR CHRISTOPHER WITH, I THINK YOU SAID YESTERDAY AND JUST NOW INDICATED, YOU REGARDED RELATIONSHIP WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AS BEING A SPECIAL ONE, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU AGAIN, ANOTHER QUESTION ON PAPUA-NEW GUINEA WAS ADMINISTERED BY AUSTRALIA. NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER IN APRIL LAST YEAR IN TOKYO IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE PACIFIC NATIONS WERE STILL COVERED IN GENERAL ANZUS UMBRELLA. IN VIEW OF WHAT YOU HAVE SAID ABOUT YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER (WORD INDISTINCT) SECURITY ARRANGEMENT I WONDER IF I COULD ASK YOU OR PERHAPS MR PEACOCK APPROPRIATELY WHETHER IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH AUSTRALIA HAS WITH PAPUA-NEW GUINEA IN AUSTRALIA WOULD LIKE TO SEE PAPUA-NEW GUINEA BROUGHT INTO THE ANZUS ORBIT? MR PEACOCK: IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF WHAT I WANT FOR PAPUA-
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NEW GUINEA, ITS WHAT PAPUA NEW GUINEA WANTS FOR ITSELF. THE TIMES IN WHICH COLONIAL POWERS IMPOSED THEIR VIEWS HAVE LONG PASSED, AND PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HAS NOT SOUGHT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANZUS. IT IS A SEPARATE SOVEREIGN STATE. THE EXTENT THAT PAPUA-NEW GUINEA WAS COVERED BY ANY UMBRELLA OR ANZUS IT WAS BECAUSE THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA, SO CALLED, WAS A TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA, IPSO FACTO BEING AUSTRALIAN TERRITORY ONE COULD EXTEND A NUMBER OF INDISTINCT TO IT. BUT NOW THAT

IT IS AN INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATE, AND MORE TO THE
POINT HAS NOT SOUGHT AT ANY TIME MEMBERSHIP OF ANZUS; AND
I DON'T THINK THIS MATTER REQUIRES ANY FURTHER ELABORATION

20 IF IT DID SEEK IT? MR PEACOCK: IF IT DID SEEK IT
THEN IT WOULD PROBABLY GET THE SAME RESULT AND ANSWER
THAT MR CHRISTOPHER GAVE. WE CAN GIVE CONSIDERATION TO
LOTS OF THINGS. ANZUS HAS THAT VERY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP,
EVEN IF THE REQUEST WERE MADE ONE WOULD NEVER TURN DOWN IT
WITHOUT SOME CONSIDERATION, BUT I THINK THAT THE WISE
APPROACH WOULD BE REGARD ANZUS AS JUST AS IT IS, A
SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THREE COUNTRIES IN THE
WESTERN ALLIANCE, AS AT THE MOMENT. WE HAVE OF COURSE
BEYOND THAT A STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT FOR PAPUA-NEW
GUINEA. WE HAVE EXTENSIVE DEFENCE DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM,
WE DO NOT HAVE ANY TREATY ARRANGEMENT WITH PAPUA-NEW
GUINEA AND THE RELEVANCE OF THIS IN CASE THERE ARE PEOPLE
SEEKING TO IMPOSE A DESIRE ON THE PART OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA
TO SEEK SOME FORM OF TREATY ARRANGEMENT, PAPUA-NEW
GUINEA HAS NEVER REQUESTED A TREATY ARRANGEMENT WITH
AUSTRALIA.

21 QUESTION: MR PEACOCK, COULD I ASK IF YOU WOULD AGREE
THAT A THREAT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA COULD CONSTITUTE
A THREAT TO AUSTRALIA? MR PEACOCK: YES BUT LOOK WAIT A
MINUTE. A THREAT TO ANY PART OF THE WORLD DEPENDING ON
THE NATURE OF IT COULD BE CONSIDERED A THREAT TO REST OF
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THE WORLD. WHERE DOES ONE STOP IF YOU GO DOWN THIS LINE?

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IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE NATURE OF THE SO CALLED THREAT.
WHAT IS AGREED BETWEEN PAPUA, NEW GUINEA AND AUSTRALIA
IS THAT IF EITHER COUNTRY DEEMED A PARTICULAR SET OF
CIRCUMSTANCES TO BE A THREAT THEN THE RESPECTIVE
GOVERNMENTS WOULD CONSULT.

22 QUESTION: COMING BACK TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN AS A
WHOLE, WHICH IS MAINLY OUR PRIME AREA OF CONCERN. DID
THE ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING FIND ANY REASON TO BELIEVE IN
ANY SORT OF THREAT EITHER ECONOMIC OR MILITARY TO THE
REGION? IF NOT, DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE SOUTH PACIFIC ONE
OF THE MOST PEACEFUL AREAS IN THE WORLD? MR. CHRISTOPHER:
WELL WE ARE I THINK ACCUSTOMED TO VIEWING THE PACIFIC AS
AN AREA OF CONFLICT LOOKING BACK TO THE VIETNAM WAR AND
BRIEFLY BEFORE THAT THE KOREAN WAR. FORTINATELY, WE CAN
REGARD THOSE TWO EVENTS AS PAST TENSE. BUT HAVING SAID
THAT I WOULD WANT ALSO TO EMPHASISE THAT THE PACIFIC IS

AN AREA OF DEEP CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES, THE SECURITY
RELATIONSHIPS THAT EXIST THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC BASIN
ISE

AY DM WHICH WE PLACE GREAT RELIANCE. WE ARE KEEPING
ON OUR EYE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA AND ALTHOUGH THERE
IS NO CLNFLICT THAT EXISTS THERE NOW, THAT DOES NOT MEAN
THAT WE EITHER LACK CONCERN FOR THAT AREA, OR FEEL ANY
SENSE OF COMPLACENCY ABOUT IT. WE ARE DETERMINED TO KEEP
THE PEACE THERE, WE ARE NOT COMPLACENT ABOUT THE
CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MIGHT GIVE THREATS IN THE FUTURE.

23 QUESTION: DO YOU SEE ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AT ALL ON
THE HORIZON? MR CHRISTOPHER: WE HAVE TO VIEW THE
DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MULTI-POLAR WORLD WITH CONCERN BUT
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I THINK IT WOULD BE UNUSEFUL FOR ME TO TRY THE CONCERNS
WE FEEL ABOUT THE PACIFIC BASIN.

24 QUESTION: MR CHRISTOPHER, WHAT WERE THE ASSESSMENTS
OF THE MEETING ON SOVIET PRESENCE IN THE PACIFIC BASI
OCEAN? MR CHRISTOPHER: WELL, WE DISCUSSED THE SOVIET
PRESENCE IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN. WE NOTED THAT THERE ARE
OCCASIONAL TRIPS BY RUSSIAN FLEET, OR ELEMENTS OF THE
RUSSIAN FLEET IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN, WHICH ARE MATTERS
THAT ARE UNDER REVIEW AND CONCERN, BUT WE DO NOT NOTE ANY
GRAPHIC OR DRAMATIC CHANGE IN THAT SITUATION OVER THE
LAST 12 MONTHS.

25 QUESTION: IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION OF SURVEILLANCE
NEEDS OF THEPACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS ONCE THE 200 MILE
ZONE COMESINTO EFFECT AND POSSIBLE ROLE FOR ANZUS
FORCES IN SHARES SURVEILLANCE? MR TALBOYS: WE DID HAVE A
BRIEF DISCISSION ON THIS. THIS WAS TOUCHED UPON DURING
THE DISCUSSION ON THE PACIFIC THIS MORNING, AND WHAT WE
RECOGNISED WAS THAT THERE IS TO BE A MEETING OF THE
SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM IN AUGUST IN PORT MORESBY, AND THIS
WHOLE QUESTION OF CO-ORDINATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
CO-ORDINATION OF 200 MILES EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONES, WILL
BE DISCUSSED THERE, AND OBVIOUSLY ONE FEATURE OF THIS
IS THE QUESTION OF SURVEILLANCE. AND THAT FROM THE FORUM
THERE WILL BE DISCUSSIONS LATER IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC
COMMISSION WHICH BRINGS IN THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN,
FRANCE AND INDEED WHILE I WAS IN FRANCE, THERE WAS AN
INDICATION FROM FRENCH MINISTERS OF AN INTEREST IN
FINDING SOME AREA FOR PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION. NOW, WE
HAVE MADE NO DECISIONS BUT RECOGNISE THE FACT THAT THE
POSSIBILITY FOR CO-OPERATIONEXISTS HERE AND THAT IT WILL
BE INVESTIGATED AT THESE MEETINGS.

26 QUESTION: HAVE THE ANZUS MINISTERS, IN FACT AT THIS

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MEETING AGREED IN PRINCIPLE AT LEAST, TO SHARE IN SURVEILLANCE OF ANY 200 MILE ZONE? MR TALBOYS: NO, THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, BUT THERE HAS BEEN AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A MUTUAL INTEREST AND OF THE FACT THAT THE OPPORTUNITY FURTHER TO DISCUSS THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THOSE OTHER FORUMS.

27 WOULD IT NEED AN INVITATION FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM TO THE ANZUS PARTNERS TO PLAY A PART IN SURVEILLANCE MR TALBOYS: WELL, OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE AREAS OF OVERLAP IN THESE ZONES SO THERE MUST INEVITABLY BE DISCUSSIONS, BUT OBVIOUSLY WHAT WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY ANYONE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS IS THE VIEWS OF THE PACIFIC COUNTRIES WHOSE ZONES WILL BE INVOLVED.

28 QUESTION: MR TALBOYS, THE ECONOMIC ISSUES FIGURE LARGELY IN THE COMMUNIQUE AND INVARIABLY COME DOWN TO THIS QUESTION OF TRADE. WE HAVE HEARD MR CHRISTOPHER'S VIEWS ON HOW THE AMERICANS MAY VIEW THE FUTURE OF GREATER ACCESS TO THEIR MARKET FOR N.Z. DAIRY PRODUCTS. DID MR PEACOCK EXPRESS ANY VIEWS ON THE AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS AN INCREASE OF NEW ZEALAND GOODS INTO AUSTRALIA, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF RECENT CUT BACKS? MR TALBOYS: MR PEACOCK AND I WILL BE HAVING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THIS. THE QUESTION WAS NOT IN FACT DISCUSSED DURING THE COURSE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

29 QUESTION: MR CHRISTOPHER IS THE UNITED STATES SATISFIED WITH THE MILITARY CAPABILITY OF NZ AT PRESENT IF IT IS CALLED ON UNDER THE ANZUS AGREEMENT TO PLAY ITS ROLE? MR CHRISTOPHER: YES, WE THINK THAT BOTH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ARE DOING THEIR PART AS GOOD MEMBERS OF THE ANZUS PACT.

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30 QUESTION: WELL, NEW ZEALAND IS ECONOMICALLY WEAK, AS WE SEEM TO HAVE AGREED EARLIER ON SO THIS LIMITS OUR CAPABILITY TO MAINTAIN STRONG DEFENCE FORCES. IS THE UNITED STATES LIKELY TO GIVE AID IN THIS DIRECTION? MR TALBOYS: PERHAPS I COULD PICK THAT ONE UP AND MAKE THE SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT NO REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO THE UNITED STATES AND I DO NOT FORSEE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH IT WILL BE MADE.

31 QUESTION: YOU DON'T THINK THAT OUR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES ARE LIKELY TO WEAKEN OUR MILITARY CAPACITY? MR TALBOYS: WELL, OBVIOUSLY OUR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WILL DETERMINE NOT ONLY THE LEVEL OF OUR MILITARY CAPACITY

BUT ALSO OUR CAPACITY TO PLAY OUR PART AS A WHOLE IN THE ANZUS REGION.

32 QUESTION: ARE WE LOOKING FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE?

MR TALBOYS: WELL, THIS IS THE SCENARIO. WHAT WE ARE ARGUING FOR NOT ONLY IN A DISCUSSION WITH PARTNERS IN ANZUS BUT WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS GOING TO TAKE PART IN, WHAT AUSTRALIA WILL TAKE PART IN, IN THE M.T.N., IS I FIRMLY BELIEVE AN INVESTIGATION TO WAYS IN WHICH IMPROVED ACCESS CAN BE PROVIDED NOT JUST FOR NEW ZEALAND BUT FOR OTHERS MARKETING PRIMARY PRODUCTS.

33 QUESTION: MR TALBOYS - MR CHRISTOPHER I THINK WOULD BE AWARE THAT A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE NEW ZEALAND FLEET WAS TIED UP AT THE WHARF BECAUSE NOT SUFFICIENT CREW TO ENABLE IT TO PUT TO SEA AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS OF COURSE TAKEN SOME MEASURESTO OVERCOME THAT PROBLEM AND I WONDER IF YOU HAVE ANY INDICATION WHAT SUCCESS YOU HAVEACHIEVED IN FINDING SUFFICIENT CREW TO MAN THEM? MR TALBOYS: NO, I'M SORRY I'M AFRAID THAT IS ONE

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AREA I HAVE NOT CAUGHT UP WITH SINCE I GOT HOME.

34 QUESTION: WAS THIS POINT DISCUSSED? MR TALBOYS:
NO, THIS SPECIFIC POINT WAS NOT DISCUSSED.
35 WAS THERE ANY DISCUSSION FROM MR CHRISTOPHER'S
POINT OF VIEW ON THE LATEST AIM OF AMERICA'S PROPOSAL
FOR A SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA WHICH MIGHT HAVE SOME
SPINOFF EFFECT ON NZ EMIGRATION? MR CHRISTOPHER:
WELL WE DISCUSSED SOUTHERN AFRICA AS WE TOURED THE
GLOBE AND I GAVE THE OTHER MINISTERS AN ASSESSMENT OF
WHERE THE MATTER STANDS FROM OUR STANDPOINT. AS YOU
KNOW THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA IS A VERY
DELICATE ONE AT THE PRESENT TIME. LAST WEEKEND, DAVID
OWEN MET WITH CYRUS VANCE AND THEY MET WITH THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THERE IS A NEW
INITIATIVE UNDER CONSIDERATION WITH RESPECT TO
RHODESIA. IN ADDITION, TO THAT WE HAD A DISCUSSION OF
CONDITIONS IN NAMIBIA BUT THOSE WERE REALLY BY WAY OF
OUR REPORTING TO THE OTHER MINISTERS OUR ASSESSMENT
OF CONDITIONS IN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES WHERE THE SITUATION
IS PRESENTLY VERY DELICATE.

36 QUESTION: MR TALBOYS, THE CONSIDERABLE ALARM WHICH
THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED IN APRIL ABOUT PRESIDENT
CARTER'S STATEMENTS CONCERNING NEUTRALISING THE INDIAN OCEAN
HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY ALLAYED BY THE ANZUS MEETING IN
THE LAST TWO DAYS?

MR TALBOYS: I THINK WE HAVE A VERY GOOD UNDERSTANDING
OF THE POSITION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN PARTICULARLY
AS A RESULT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE
DISCUSSION BY BOTH MR CHRISTOPHER AND MR PEACOCK.

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37 QUESTION: DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE NZ GOVERNMENT IS NO LONGER ALARMED BY THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION?

MR TALBOYS: WELL, WHEN YOU USE THE WORD "ALARMED" I SAY THAT THERE IS AN UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE POSITION IS.

38 QUESTION: ARE YOU LESS SANGUINE IN YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE PROSPECTS FOR EVENTUAL LOWERING OF THE MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. IS THERE ANY VARIATION BETWEEN THE ASSESSMENTS OF THE THREE COUNTRIES ON THAT SCORE.

MR TALBOYS: WELL AFTER ALL THERE IS ONLY ONE OF THE THREE IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED IN ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT LOWERING THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AND I THINK PROBABLY MR PEACOCK CAN SPEAK FOR HIMSELF BUT I AM VERY GLAD TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET THIS APPRECIATION OF THE POSITION AS IT IS AND TO RECOGNISE THE FACT THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

39 QUESTION: WELL, COULD WE GET THIS CLEAR MR TALBOYS, YOU SAY THERE IS AN UNDERSTANDING, DO YOU MEAN YOU HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CARTER POLICIES OR COMMUNICATIONS?

MR TALBOYS: UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT?

40 QUESTION: OF THE CURRENT POLICIES?

MR TALBOYS: YES, WELL THIS YOU HAVE HAD FROM MR CHRISTOPHER TODAY AN INDICATION OF WHAT THOSE POLICIES ARE.

41 QUESTION: WELL I TAKE IT FROM THAT THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT IS LESS THAN HAPPY WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION?

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MR TALBOYS: LESS THAN HAPPY. NO, WHAT I HAVE INDICATED

TO YOU WE HAVE A FULL APPRECIATION OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

NOW PLEASE DON'T TRY AND TURN THAT ON ITS HEAD.

42 QUESTION: DO YOU AGREE WITH IT?

MR TALBOYS: YES I DO.

43 QUESTION: FULLY IN AGREEMENT?

MR TALBOYS: YES. FULLY.

44 QUESTION: MR TALBOYS RECALL THAT IN SEOUL LAST YEAR THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT SOVIET NAVAL VESSELS HAD BEEN SIGHTED IN THE TASMAN SEA. I WONDER IF I COULD ASK YOUR COLLEAGUES IF THEY HAVE HAD ANY RECENT REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS IN THE TASMAN SEA OF SOVIET VESSELS ON THEIR WAY TO THE INDIAN OCEAN.

MR TALBOYS: WELL, THE SPECIFIC QUESTION WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN THE COUNCIL BUT EITHER OF MY COLLEAGUES MIGHT CARE TO COMMENT ON IT.

45 QUESTION: I TAKE IT MR PEACOCK (REST OF QUESTION INDISTINCT).

MR PEACOCK: NO, I DO NOT WANT TO COMMENT ON THE MATTER AT ALL.

46 QUESTION: CAN I ASK YOU...?

MR PEACOCK: IT WAS NOT ME WHO MADE ANY OF THE COMMENTS IN THAT REGARD IN ANY CASE.

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47 QUESTION: I APPRECIATE THAT, MR TALBOYS MIGHTI ASK YOU IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY SIGHTINGS.....

MR PEACOCK: MR TALBOYS BEING THE GENTLEMAN WHO EXTENDED THE INVATION. WITH PRE-KNOWLEDGE I WOULD REFUSE TO ACCEPT IT.

MR TALBOYS: ALL RIGHT. THE POINT I MADE TO YOU WAS THAT THERE WAS NO DICSUSSION ON THIS SPECIFIC POINT AT THE COUNCIL.

48 QUESTION: I APPRECIATE THAT BUT IN VIEW OF WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER SAID LAST YEAR I THINK IT REASONABLE TO ASK IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY SIGHTINGS AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MR PEACOCK IF I MAY IF THERE HAS BEEN.

MR PEACOCK: YES, WELL THE REASON I'M NO REPLYING OF COURSE WOULD BE READILY APPARENT IS THAT YOU ARE ASKING THE QUESTION ON A PREMISE OF STATEMENT BY THE NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER OF WHICH I AM UNAWARE. AND THEREFORE I'M DIS-INCLINED TO FOLLOW DOWN THAT LINE ON A STATEMENT I'M NOT

AWARE OF AND GIVE AN ANSWER THAT COULD BE VARIOUSLY
INTERPRETED DEPENDING ON WHAT WAS IN FACT SAID.

49 QUESTION: YOU DO NOT WISH TO ANSWER THE QUESTION
MR TALBOYS OR YOU DO NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION?

MR TALBOYS: FRANKLY, I HAVE NO IMMEDIATE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE TO ME, AT LEAST THAT I HAVE SEEN.

50 QUESTION: EXCEPT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE
POINT TO MR PEAOCK IT IS NOT THE PRESS THAT MADE THE
STATEMENT BUT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, OF HIS OWN VIOLITION
IN SEOUL LAST YEAR, SAID THAT SOVIET NAVAL VESSELS HAD
BEEN SEEN IN THE TASMAN SEA AND IT IS APPROPRIATE TO ASK
IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY FURTHER SIGHTINGS?
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MR PEACOCK: SURE, LOOK WE ALL OPERATE ON THAT BASIS AND

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I THINK IT IS A PRETTY FAIR ONE, AND YOU HAVE THE FREEDOM
TO ASK US ANY QUESTIONS YOU LIKE AS LONG AS THERE IS THE
CORRESPONDING FREEDOM NOT TO ANSWER IT.

51 QUESTION: (INDISTINCT) REFERRED TO SOVIET INTEREST
IN FISHING IN SOUTH PACIFIC.

MR TALBOYS: THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SOVIET
INTEREST IN FISHING IN REGION. YES, AND INDEED
I REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL THAT AS IS WELL AND WIDELY KNOWN
THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SUGGESTIONS FROM THE SOVIET UNION
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT VENTURE IN FISHING IN THE
REGION INVOLVING NEW ZEALANDERS.

52 QUESTION: WHEN THE COMMUNIQUE TALKS ABOUT THE
COMMITMENT BY THREE COUNTRIES WHO BASICALLY WOULD LIKE SOME
FREEDOM IN THE REGION, I WONDER IF THERE WAS ANY AREA THAT
THE THREE MEMBERS HAVE IN MIND WHERE THOSE BASIC HUMAN
RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS DON'T EXIST IN THIS REGION?

MR TALBOYS: NO, THERE WAS NO THIS IS SIMPLY A
STATEMENT OF ONE OF THOSE COMMON FACTORS, THE FACTORS,
THOSE STRONG BONDS THAT TIE ANZUS TOGETHER, AN INTEREST
IN THE WELLBEING OF PEOPLE, A CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
WHICH AFTER ALL WE SHARE IN COMMON.

53 QUESTION: MR TALBOYS COULD I ASK YOU IF YOU GAVE ANY
INDICATION TO THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENTS'
THINKING ABOUT THE TIME SPAN FOR KEEPING NZ FORCES IN
SINGAPORE?

MR TALBOYS: NO, AS A MATTER OF FACT I DIDN'T. I DID INDICATE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES IN THE FIVE-POWER DEFENCE ARRANGEMENTS, BUT I THINK IT IS WELL KNOWN UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BOTH MY COLLEAGUES AS THE STATUS OF THAT FORCE IS WELL KNOWN TO THEM. SO I DID NOT FEEL THERE WAS ANY NEED TO FURTHER ELABORATE AND INDEED THE QUESTION WAS NOT RAISED.

54. QUESTION: MR TALBOYS I THINK YOU MENTIONED A BIT EARLIER ABOUT JOINT FISHING ARRANGEMENTS THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIA AND NEW ZEALAND FOR A JOINT VENTURE. WOULD THE ANZUS PARTNERS BE CONCERNED TO SEE A JOINT VENTURE WHICH INVOLVED RUSSIAN FISHINGBOATS WHICH COULD, IN FACT FOR ALL WE KNOW BE SPY SHIPS?

MR. TALBOYS: NO, LOOK THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT; A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT TOGETHER BY INDIVIDUALS INVOLVING POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURES IN FISHING. NOW THE FACT IS THAT RUSSIAN SHIPS, SHIPS FROM A NUMBER OF DISTANT COUNTRIES, ARE FISHING NEW ZEALAND WATERS. THE FORM OF ANY JOINT VENTURE WAS CERTAINLY NOT DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL BECAUSE I COULD NOT ELABORATE ON THE POSSIBLE FORMS AT THE PRESENT TIME. THESE HAVE TO BE PUT TOGETHER.

55 QUESTION: THERE HAS BEEN A PROPOSAL FOR THE RUSSIAN FISHING FLEET IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC TO BE USED FOR FISHING KRILL IN THE ANTARCTIC AND IT COULD START OFF AN ECONOMIC WAR.

MR TALBOYS: TO START OFF A WAR? NO.

56 QUESTION: A WAR BETWEEN THE AMERICANS AND THE RUSSIANS?

MR TALBOYS: I HAVEN'T HEARD THE SUGGESTION, BUT OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS ON THE, OR LIKELY TO BE ON THE CARDS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND I SHOULD IMAGINE ON THE PART OF UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER COUNTRIES, THERE WILL BE AN INTEREST IN DEVELOPING

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AREA. NOW WHEN YOU MOVE OFF INTO THE FIELD OF WAR BETWEEN THEM MY INFORMATION IS THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT KRILL IN THOSE WATERS TO SATISFY THE DEMAND OF MANY COUNTRIES FOR QUITE A LONG TIME.

57 QUESTION: MR CHRISTOPHER IN VIEW OF THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BEFORE ABOUT THE INCREASED SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND SOVIET FISHING IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC IS THERE ANY LIKELIHOOD OF INCREASED U.S. NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AS A RESULT OF THAT?

MR CHRISTOPHER: WELL, I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO SAY THAT IN MY VIEW, THE ANZUS PACT IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY COUNTRY OR ANY PEOPLE OR ANY OTHER PACT. IT IS A PACT WHICH IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECURITY OF THESE THREE COUNTRIES. UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO HONOUR ITS SECURITY OBLIGATIONS, AND SHOULD WE DEEM IT NECESSARY TO DO SO, WE WOULD HAVE AN ADDITIONAL NAVAL OR MILITARY PRESENCE IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD. I THINK IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL AND I WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO SPECULATE ON WHETHER OR NOT WE WOULD CHANGE OUR MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

58 QUESTION: IN THE LAST NEWSWEEK THERE WAS SOME CRITICISM FROM SOME OF AMERICA'S ALLIES SUCH AS THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE, THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY MIGHT COMPROMISE THE PATH OF DETENTE BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. I WONDER WHETHER, IN FACT, EITHER MR PEACOCK OR MR TALBOYS COULD EXPRESS THAT VIEW TO MR CHRISTOPHER IN THE MEETING, ESPECIALLY AS PRIME MINISTER MULDOON DID RAISE THAT POSSIBILITY IN HIS APRIL SPEECH.

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MR PEACOCK: QUITE A CONTRARY, IN FACT. WE HAVE BEEN A VERY EARLY, VERY STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE UNITED STATES POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ITS TOTALITY. MR CHRISTOPHER EXPLAINS IT ON THE THREE LEVELS, AS HE DID YESTERDAY AT THE MEETING AND TO THE PRESS. I SPEAK CONSISTENTLY ABOUT THE NEED FOR NOT FOCUSING SOLELY ON POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS, BUT EMBRACING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS AS WELL, AND I THINK THERE ARE DUTIES ON ALL SIGNATORIES TO THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS NOT ONLY TO EQUALLY COMMIT DUTIES FILING FROM THAT DOCUMENT, BUT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN BREACHED AND WHERE THERE ARE CONSTRAINTS ON CIVIL LIBERTIES, THOSE CONSTRAINTS ARE EXPOSED.

59. QUESTION: THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE SEEMED TO ARGUE THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY (INDISTINCT) IS THE (INDISTINCT) RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE AND THAT SHOULD TAKE PRIORITY OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. DO YOU

DISAGREE WITH THAT?

MR PEACOCK: THE POINT IS, IN ALL HONESTY, IN ALL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, THERE ARE MANY FACETED APPROACHES AND MANY FACETS TO IT. IF YOU PLACE STRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

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THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU NEGATE QUESTIONS OF SECURITY AND OTHER FACTORS THAT YOU ARE WEIGHING UP WHETHER IT BE NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS THAT FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER ARE NOT AS STRONG, NOT AS CLOSE, OR FOR WHATEVER REASONS, DIFFERENCES OF SOCIAL SYSTEM OR WHATEVER. AND SO THE TOTALITY OF PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS HAVE GOT TO BE WEIGHED AND NOT SINGLE ONE OUT AS ALLEGEDLY HAVING PRIMACY OVER THE OTHER AND DWELLING ON THAT.

60. QUESTION: (BRIEF INDISTINCT QUESTION)

MR PEACOCK: NO, BUT THIS IS THE ANSWER I GIVE IT TO YOU.

61 QUESTION: MR TALBOYS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT?

MR TALBOYS: WELL, I COULD NOT MAKE ANY OTHER COMMENT REALLY, ANY MORE USEFUL COMMENT, THAN THAT WHICH HAS BEEN MADE BY MR PEACOCK. I THINK THE POINT THAT EMERGED FROM MR CHRISTOPHER'S STATEMENTS WERE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS A FUNDAMENTAL FACTOR, BUT IT IS NOT THE FUNDAMENTAL FACTOR IN UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY AND THE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ARE THERE AS ANDREW PEACOCK HAS OUTLINED.

61 QUESTION: COULD I ASK MR CHRISTOPHER GOING ON FROM THERE YOU HAVE JUST COME FROM NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION WHETHER IN FACT, YOU FEEL PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING IS QUITE WRONG IN THE VIEW HE HAS EXPRESSED IN NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE?

MR CHRISTOPHER: I AM HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY WITH YOUR PREMISE. I DID MEET WITH MR VERONSOFF BRIEFLY IN BELGRADE

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ABOUT A WEEK AGO, BUT I'VE NOT COME FRESHLY FROM NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. GOING BEYOND THE PREMISE, I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL AND I DID NOT INTEND TO GET INTO THE BUSINESS OF COMMENTING ON THE VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE ABOUT THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS TOO DERIVATIVE A COMMENT TO MAKE IT USEFUL TO GET INTO. I WOULD SAY THAT WE'RE PURSUING A POLICY WHICH WE THINK IS TO BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AND I'M SURE THAT

WE WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF DISTINGUISHED STATESMEN SUCH AS THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE, IN WORKING OUT OUR POLICIES, BUT I DOUBT IF IT WOULD BE VALUABLE AND DON'T INTEND TO COMMENT ON HIS COMMENTS ABOUT US.

MR TALBOYS: ALL RIGHT?

62 QUESTION: MR TALBOYS INDICATED YESTERDAY THAT THE UNIT OF U.S. NUCLEAR WARSHIPS WAS A FACT. CAN I ASK YOU IF THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC REACTION TO VISITS OF THOSE WARSHIPS?

MR CHRISTOPHER: THE UNITED STATES WILL ALWAYS BE CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC REACTION OF THE PEOPLE OF A COUNTRY AS FRIENDLY AS NEW ZEALAND. ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS IS A COUNTRY WITH MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AND I THINK WE HAVE TO TRY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE OVERALL CONCERN OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY, AND ALSO WHAT THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE, WITH RESPECT TO THE VISITS OF THOSE SHIPS. WE UNDERSTAND THOSE VISITS HAVE BEEN WELCOMED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND WE WOULD INTEND, WHERE IT SEEMS TO BE DESIRABLE FROM THE STAND POINT OF SECURITY INTERESTS, AND WHERE THE VISITS WOULD ONCE AGAIN BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE THEM.

MR TALBOYS: GENTLEMEN, I THINK THAT IF IT MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL, AND YOUR NEEDS WE WILL END. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
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